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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Los Angeles – Foreign Cartels Embrace Home-Grown Marijuana in Pot-Legal States**

(U) In early April, local and federal authorities descended upon 74 marijuana grow houses in the Sacramento area they say were underwritten by Chinese organized crime. They filed court paperwork to seize the properties, worth millions of dollars. Federal officials allege that legal recreational marijuana states like California, Colorado and Washington, where enforcement of growing regulations is hit-or-miss, have been providing cover for transnational criminal organizations willing to invest big money to buy or rent property to achieve even bigger returns. Chinese, Cuban and Mexican drug rings have purchased or rented hundreds of homes and use human trafficking to bring inexperienced growers to the United States to tend them, federal and local officials say.

SOURCE: 29 May 2018, [NBC](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Oregon – California Man Sentenced for Drug Distribution**

(U) Portland – A Los Angeles resident, 41 year-old Francisco Nuno-Urenda, was sentenced to 17 years in federal prison for his role in a drug trafficking scheme. That scheme brought distribution quantities of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and heroin into Oregon. According to court documents, Nuno-Urenda was a drug trafficker out of California, sourcing drugs from Mexico and shipping them throughout the United States. Nuno-Urenda supplied multiple drug trafficking organizations, including one that operated in the Portland metropolitan area. Investigators have determined Nuno-Urenda stayed in contact with about 15 suppliers in Mexico. Those contacts were connected to 2 or 3 different Mexican drug cartels. Back in February, 2018, He pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.

SOURCE: 29 May 2018, [KTVL News](#)

**(U) District of Columbia – Officials Warn of North Korean Malware Threat**

(U) Washington DC – US officials are alerting the public to two families of malware linked to the North Korean government that, if successfully deployed, allow hackers to remotely access devices and steal sensitive information. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and FBI released a technical alert on the two forms of malware — one a remote access tool, and the other a server message block worm — yesterday. Officials said with “high confidence” that hackers associated with Pyongyang have used both forms of malware since at least 2009 to target media, aerospace, financial and critical infrastructure organizations across the globe, including those in the United States.

SOURCE: 29 May 2018, [The Hill](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Two Commanders among 17 ISIS Terrorist Killed in Afghan Air Strike**

(U) Peshawar – An air strike in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan killed 17 ISIS militants yesterday. Initial reports suggest that the dead militants include two ISIS commanders and targeted ISIS

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hideouts in the Hask Mina district. The dead commanders are identified as Qari Esrar and Mullah Hasghar. The report of the air strikes came after the killing of at least nine civilians in an overnight operation by Afghan security forces outside the Nangarhar provincial capital of Jalalabad. The victims included relatives of the speaker of the Senate, Fazl Hadi Muslimyar, the office of the provincial governor said in a statement.

SOURCE: 29 May 2018, [The Express Tribune](#)

**(U) Afghanistan – Militants Attack Afghan Ministry with Bomb, Grenades, and Machine Guns**

(U) Kabul – Gunmen armed with assault rifles and grenade launchers stormed the heavily fortified headquarters of the Afghan interior ministry, today, battling security forces for more than two hours in the latest attack on the capital Kabul. A car bomb was detonated at the entrance of the ministry to launch the attack and then several gunmen managed to get inside the compound. Najib Danish, the ministry spokesman, confirmed the attack was carried out by a group of 10 militants and at least one policeman was killed and five were wounded.

SOURCE: 30 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Egypt – Egyptian Forces Kill 8 ISIS Members in Sinai**

(U) Cairo – Egyptian army operations killed eight ISIS terrorists recently, according to the Egyptian military spokesperson yesterday. "The militants were killed in a shootout with troops during combing and manhunt operations in Central and North Sinai," the military said. In addition, the raids destroyed 20 vehicles, 79 motorcycles, 80 hideouts containing ammunition, explosive devices and books that promote the extremist ideologies. The air force destroyed two vehicles laden with weapons and ammunition before they infiltrated Egypt.

SOURCE: 29 May 2018, [The Express Tribune](#)

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